

Interagency Veterans Council

G.O. Housing Pod Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2012

10:00 to 11:00

Conference Call

I. Interagency Veterans Council (Housing Pod)

- Purpose
 - To establish a structure to develop solutions to long-term and short-term veteran housing issues (Eric)
 - Create a central point of reference (Eric)
 - Streamline communication and services to veterans and establish a standard in which to deliver those services (Burt)
 - Identify staff from each agency to speak on behalf of the IAVC and make that a permanent part of their duty/functions (Pam)

II. Open Issues

- To ensure continuity despite attrition, knowledge obtained through this housing Pod within the IAVC should be institutionalized rather than vested within the individual (Eric)
 - Possibly create a procedures binder or living document
- Enhancing Delivery Systems to Veterans
 - Identify which counties did not participate in 2011 PIT counts and determine why this is the case (See attached excel document for each county and their counts)
- Locate organization or agency with an updated bed count for all organizations within the state
- Dedicated IAVC Personnel
 - Research will be done with Department of Personnel Administration (DPA) to determine whether or not IAVC can be added to duty descriptions in permanent positions
- List of Potential Stakeholders to be Invited
 - Ed Cabrera, Interagency Council on Homelessness
 - Ed may also be able to provide greater insight into which other agencies should be included
 - Betty Zamost, VISN 22 Network Homeless Coordinator
 - HUD

III. New Business

- Explore within our institutions to determine how to create a long-term structure of the IAVC Housing Pod (Burt)
 - For example, think about possibly creating new positions or expanding the duties of existing positions
- Establish “high-level” conversation about what services are offered by each agency (Cynthia)
 - Create an outline or list of services and provide a copy to Pamela and Eric
 - List needs to be to Pamela no later than 01/09/2012 at 12:00 PM

- Each agency should speak a few minutes on the services offered to iron out the specifics of what services are offered and to whom (guard/reserve, active duty, service connected disabled, etc.)(Sylvia)
- Continue to strategize structure to deliver services (Pam)

IV. Action Items

- Review existing veteran housing programs within your agency
- Create input on how to institutionalize the housing community
- Quick fixes
- List of services provided by your agency emailed to Pam no later than 01/09/2012 at 12:00 PM

V. Roll Call

- Present:
 - Bobbi Rosenthal
 - Burt McChesney
 - Carol Farris
 - Col. Sylvia Crockett
 - Cynthia Florez-Delyon
 - Danica Bogicevic
 - Nate Gillen
 - Jim Lowrey
 - Pamela Rasada
 - Lindsey Wathen
 - Eric Worthen
 - David Gerard

VI. Caveats

- Betty Zamost and Ed Cabrera will be added to the distribution list, sent the minutes, and invited to the conference calls once they have received and accepted an invitation to join the IAVC from Eric Worthen.

Minutes submitted by: Nate Gillen

Minutes approved by: Burt McChesney